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22 priests get new assignments

New parish created for Tierrasanta

SAN DIEGO—The diocese will create a new parish on "holy ground," and Father Neal Dolan will be its founding pastor.

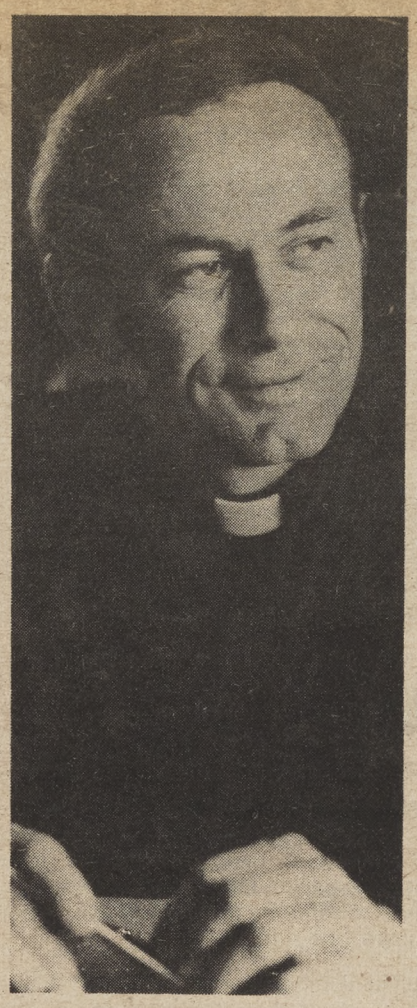
Actually, Ascension parish will be located in the Tierrasanta (a Spanish word meaning holy ground) community and is being created from Mission (Basilica) San Diego de Alcala.

IT WILL BE the first pastorate for Father Dolan, director of the diocesan Permanent Diaconate Program since 1975.

He will be succeeded Aug. 1 in the diaconate post by Father Richard Duncanson, who is completing three years of study at North American College in Rome toward a doctorate of dogmatic theology degree.

Father Duncanson was secretary to Bishop Leo T. Maher before he left the diocese for further studies.

THE NEW PARISH and the two appointments related to it were announced by Bishop Maher in the latest clergy appointments released by Msgr. William Cooney, director of the diocesan Personnel Board.



Father Neal Dolan

Also announced were the appointments of 17 associate pastors and three transitional deacons, and three priests who will be pursuing further studies outside the diocese.

The boundaries for the Tierrasanta parish are to the north, the northern boundary of Miramar Naval Air Station; to the south, the northern boundary of Admiral Baker Field; to the east, Mission Gorge Road, and to the west, Murphy Canyon Road (Hwy. 15).

FATHER DOLAN said he hopes to move into a house in the area to be used as the parish rectory by Aug. 1, and further hopes to celebrate weekend Masses at Serra High School beginning Sunday, Aug. 17.

Msgr. William Bolger, chairman of the diocesan Pastoral Planning Committee, said a survey revealed there are 30,000 people in the area and that there are at least 560 Catholic families.

THE MISSION San Diego parish, where diocesan chancellor Msgr. I Brent Eagen is pastor, grew at a tremendous rate during the 1970s, mainly due to housing developments in Tierrasanta, Murphy Canyon Heights (military) and the condominiums surrounding the mission.

In 1970 the mission listed 125 registered families and an estimated population of 450. In 1979 it showed 1,087 registered families, 3,787 estimated parishioners and an average of 2,467 people attending nine Sunday Masses.

The new boundaries of the mission are being adjusted.

THE DIOCESE created eight parishes in the 1970s, the last being St. Margaret's in Oceanside in 1977. Ascension is the first parish to be created in the diocese in 1980.

Regarding the associate pastor appointments, the following are effective July 1: Fathers Joseph Carroll to St. Rita, San Diego, Robert England to St. Pius X, Chula Vista, and Dionisio Macalintal, a Filipino priest, to St. Rita.

Father Macalintal will become the fourth Filipino priest helping to serve the more than 90,000 Filipino Catholics in the diocese.

ASSOCIATE PASTOR appointments effective Aug. 1 are Fathers Dennis Mikulanis, to St. Mary Magdalene, San Diego; David Croisetiere, Blessed Sacrament, San Diego; James Rafferty, Mission (Basilica) San Diego de Alcala; James Poulsen, Our Lady of Grace, El Cajon; James McGray, Our Mother of Confidence, San Diego.



Also, Fathers Nicholas Clavin to St. Mary, Escondido; George Byrne, Mary, Star of the Sea, La Jolla; Charles Sheslo, St. John of the Cross, Lemon Grove; Fernando Ramirez, St. Francis, Vista.

Five associate pastor appointments are transitional deacons who will be ordained priests on July 11 at Our Mother of Confidence parish, San Diego.

THEY AND their appointments, all effective Aug. 1, are Rev. Mr. Patrick McNamara to Sacred Heart, Ocean Beach; Rev. Mr. James Mason, St. Kieran, El Cajon; Rev. Mr. Scott McColl, St. Patrick, Carlsbad; Rev. Mr. Edward (Bud) Kaicher, Our Lady of Guadalupe, Calexico; and Rev. Mr. Justin Langille, to St. John, Encinitas, until September when he goes to North American College, Rome, for further studies.

Transitional deacons who will be serving in parishes, effective Aug. 1, as part of their priestly studies and training are Rev. Mr. Peter Navarra, St. Charles, Imperial Beach; Rev. Mr. Hans Kothuis, Holy Family, San Diego; and Rev. Mr. Bruce Orsborn, Our Lady of Guadalupe, Calexico.

Those who will be pursuing further studies besides Rev. Mr. Langille are Father Mark Campbell, canon law at Catholic University, Washington, D.C.; Father Louis Copestake, social studies, Catholic University; and Father Giles Conwill, study of black culture, Emory University, Atlanta, Ga.

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POPE INVITED TO ISRAEL—Israeli Prime Minister Menachem Begin has invited Pope John Paul II to pay an official visit to Israel. "The government of Israel is happy to invite the pope, not only as head of the Roman Catholic Church but has one who helped to rescue Jews during the Nazi rule of Europe," Begin told the Knesset (parliament) June 2. During his visit to France the pope expressed a desire to visit Israel.

KNIGHTS AID 'SEXUALITY' WORKSHOP—The Knights of Columbus has given a grant to the Pope John XXIII Medical-Moral Research and Education Center, St. Louis, to conduct a workshop on "Human Sexuality and Personhood" for the bishops of the United States and Canada. The workshop will be conducted by the Pope John Center in Dallas, Tex., Feb. 2-6.

UNITY THEME APPROVED—The theme for the 1981 Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, Jan. 18-25, will be "A variety of gifts, but always the same Spirit," the Atonement Friars have announced in Graymoor, N.Y. The theme was chosen at a meeting of representatives of the Vatican and the World Council of Churches and is based on a verse from Paul's first letter to the Corinthians.

PRAYERS FOLLOW SHOOTING—Fort Wayne religious leaders, including Bishop William E. McManus of Fort Wayne-South Bend, organized prayer vigils and issued a call for a weekend of prayer May 30-June 1 following the shooting in Fort Wayne of National Urban League President Vernon Jordan.

CARTER TO SEE POPE—President Jimmy Carter will visit Pope John Paul II in the Vatican June 21, the White House has announced. The visit will come the day before Carter attends an economic summit meeting in Venice, Italy, involving seven industrialized nations. The president will also visit Spain, Portugal and Yugoslavia.

ANTI-BUSING APPEAL REJECTED—The Supreme Court has turned down a second appeal of a Pennsylvania law requiring public school districts to cross district boundaries in providing transportation for non-public school students. Both appeals centered on the argument that busing non-public school students across district lines gave them a beffefit not available to public school students, most of whom do not cross district lines to get to class.

PRIEST RETURNED TO LABOR CAMP—Father Stanislaus Shen, 78, released from a Chinese labor camp two years ago, has been returned to the same camp, according to a report from Shanghai. The case is the first such reported since the Chinese government adopted a less restrictive policy toward the church two years ago.

COLORFUL BEATIFICATION—The Canadian delegation for the beatification of three pioneers of Canadian church history will include Indians in ethnic costumes, representatives of the hierarchy and Religious. Ceremonies are scheduled in Rome June 22 for beatification of Kateri Tekakwitha, an Indian; Bishop Francois de Montmorancy de Laval, and Marie d'I Incarnation, all of whom lived in 17th-century Canada.

10 CENTS A HEAD—The bishops who head the country's 170 dioceses have given overwhelming approval to an assessment of 10 cents per Catholic for support of the budget of the National Conference of Catholic Bishops and U.S. Catholic Conference during 1981. The final vote continues for another year a 10-cent assessment approved by the bishops last fall for 1980.

GROUP PROMOTES UNITY—Twelve Anglican and Roman Catholic superiors general agreed to form a permanent commission promoting ecumenism among Religious. They acted during an ecumenical consultation in Rome.

U.S. URGED TO END CONFUSION—The U.S. Catholic Conference called for more government assistance and less government confusion in resettlement of Cuban exiles in the United States. It urged the government to make the Cubans eligible for federal programs and criticized division of federal efforts in refugee matters.

FAITHFUL TILL DEATH—A Colombian Supreme Court decision says that a husband and wife must remain faithful to each other until death even if they are legally separated. Only annulment or divorce lifts the obligation, the court said.

A PLEA FOR RELIGIOUS FREEDOM—An official of the World Council of Churches in Geneval has urged Iranian President Bani-Sadr to protect the safety and religious freedom of religious minorities in Iran. The son of the Episcopal bishop in Teheran was murdered May 6, the bishop himself was forced to flee last October, and other Episcopalians have been attacked or killed in Iran.

AMERICANS IN CUBAN JAILS—The Council on Hemispheric Affairs launched efforts for the release of Americans in Cuban jails to counter the entry of thousands of Cuban refugees into the United States. The group's director stated that as attention has been turned on the Cuban refugees entering America, so the plight of U.S. nationals in Cuba should be recognized.

NUCLEAR WEAPONS WARNING—Auxiliary Bishop Thomas J. Gumbleton of Detroit said that the United States will use nuclear weapons first in a major war within two decades unless the nation explores non-violent ways of resisting aggression. Bishop Gumbleton, who spoke at the last of a series of lectures at Brooklyn's St. James Cathedral, visited American hostages in Iran at Christmas.



BIG MAN ON CAMPUS—When Franciscan Father Alonso DeBlas moves about the St. Mary's High School campus in Phoeniz, Ariz., one might guess that he is guard, tackle or end for the school's football team. Actually, the 6-foot-7-inch priest is the school's assistant principal. He looks even bigger next to first graders Frank Vega and Raquel Campa at nearby St. Mary's Elementary School. (NC photo)

People

Msgr. Patrick O'Dowd, pastor of St. Didacus Church, San Diego, marks the 40th anniversary of his ordination with parish and school receptions June 7-9.

Deacon Michael C. Newman of Our Lady of Light parish, Descanso, was named to the National Association of Permanent Diaconate Directors' new four-member communications committee.

Franciscan Sister Columba Michalek, who spent 77 of her 79 years as a nun serving in St. Mary's Hospital, Rochester, N.Y., marked her 100th birthday recently.

Bishop Zong Huaide of Jinan, China, was elected chairman of the National Association of Patriotic Catholics, a government-supported group not recognized by the Vatican.

Cardinals Tomas O'Fiaich of Armagh, Northern Ireland; **Roger Etchegaray** of Marseilles, France, and **James D. Freeman** of Sydney, Australia, were named to the Vatican's Congregation for Catholic Education.

Dateline Vatican City

POPE HAILS SEMINARIANS—Pope John Paul visited Rome's minor seminary and told the 100 students that "this is a visit I've owed you for some time." Also present for the visit were 300 teen-agers who belong to the Rome Diocesan Vocational Community.

It was his first visit as pope to the seminary and the first visit by any pope with the Diocesan Vocational Community, a three-year-old support organization for boys in Roman parishes and Catholic schools who are considering a vocation to the priesthood or religious life.

BRITAIN'S ENVOY GREETED—The pope told Mark Evelyn Heath, Britain's new envoy to the Holy See, that he hoped Northern Ireland's problems would be solved by peaceful means. He also praised Britain for overseeing Zimbabwe's independence and said he eagerly awaits the visit of Queen Elizabeth next October.

600 YOUTHS CONFIRMED—About 600 young people were confirmed in St. Peter's Basilica by the pope on the feast of Pentecost, May 25. More than 20,000 people attended the confirmation, the largest performed by a pope in recent history. The pope linked confirmation with the original Pentecost, when the Holy Spirit descended on the apostles and they began teaching and spreading the faith.

BISHOPS' LEADERSHIP STRESSED—Pope John Paul told the Italian Bishops' Conference to end its traditional reliance on the Holy See for national leadership. It should take up "its own responsibilities" and "revive fully the collegial tradition in force in the church ever since the most ancient times," he said.

The pope put the autonomy of the bishops' conference first on the list of issues that he wanted to call to their attention. "First of all," he said, "is the problem of a correct and well understood autonomy of the bishops' conference for defining and carrying out its own pastoral duties."

POPE TO VISIT BRAZIL JUNE 30—Pope John Paul II will go to Brazil June 30. The Vatican Press Office confirmed the starting date of the Brazil trip on the eve of the pope's visit to France (May 30-June 2). It did not announce the itinerary for Brazil and said only that the trip will last "about 10 days."

PAPAL TV MESSAGE—The pope said the post-conciliar French church is "in a special situation" marked by a "crisis in growth." The papal message was videotaped at the Vatican for television transmission in France May 27, four days before the pope's scheduled visit to Paris.



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To effect change in southeast S.D.

Jesuit helps citizens organize

By Sally Arguilez

SAN DIEGO — There is nothing catchy about the name of the Southeast San Diego Sponsoring Committee but there is something catchy about the spirit of the people who have found themselves involved with the community organizing program headed by a Jesuit priest.

The walls of the headquarters on Imperial Avenue are covered with photo stories recounting issues that community residents took on and won since the Sponsoring Committee was established in the neighborhood in November of 1978.

DIRTY GROCERY STORES have been cleaned up and are now regularly inspected, a stoplight has been installed at an intersection which was rated as the most dangerous in San Diego by city traffic engineers, and a six-foot fence was installed around the Chollas Creek drainage to keep youngsters from wandering into the dangerous area.

The Sponsoring Committee was launched two years ago by a $15,000 grant from this diocese by Bishop Leo T. Maher, recalled Jesuit Father George Wanser, director.

CURRENTLY, THE Sponsoring Committee has received most of its funds from the Washington-based Campaign for Human Development (CHD), the U.S. Catholic Church's education-action program to combat domestic poverty.

CHD allocated $84,572 for the Sponsoring Committee's work this year.

The Sponsoring Committee is a catalyst and facilitator for the poor, predominantly minority community to teach them to address and resolve neighborhood problems peacefully and legally within the democratic system, explained Father Wanser.

AT THE ONSET of the program staff volunteers canvassed the original 11-mile target area and talked with residents about neighborhood problems they would like to see changed, said Father Wanser.

The staff did the major research and organizing for issues the residents complained about but community leaders are gradually taking over that role, said the priest.

"We provided training on how to resolve issues through working together. We told them to stick to the issue.

"THEY ARE LEARNING that they can change their lives. Working together they can be effective in changing their community. They don't have to sit back and take it."

The priest explained that there are three principles involved when confronting a problem. The issue has to be immediate, specific, and capable of being won, he said.

"We can't solve the problem of crime because that's too general, but what about burglaries? Where? How many? When do they occur?"

ONCE THE COMMUNITY has determined an issue to be confronted a committee is formed to work with the issue, Father Wanser explained. Each committee chooses its own name, he added.

The first issue addressed by community residents was the repair of an alley pothole in which a youngster hit the hole with his bike, fell and required 13 stitches, recalled Father Wanser.

"THEY GOT REALLY good at potholes," grinned Father Wanser. "There was a series of small successes, but it gave them the confidence to identify and work on bigger issues."

"Citizens in a community can change their lives if they work together," Father Wanser said. "It's rewarding when people come to the realization that they can come to effect change in their community."



CHILDREN PROTECTED — Jesuit Father George Wanser, director of the Southeast San Diego Sponsoring Committee, stands next to a sign installed at St. Jude Academy following action taken by community residents. (Staff photo)



BEGINNING OF NEW CHURCH — Bishop Leo T. Maher breaks ground for the new St. James parish church in Solana Beach as Msgr. William Spain, pastor, Annie Bauer and Albert Graff, chairman of the parish's Phase II development program, look on. The ceremonies followed a concelebrated Mass in the old church, which will be converted into a multipurpose parish hall. (Staff photo)

Latin Mass offered weekly

SAN LUIS REY — In accordance with a request by Bishop Leo T. Maher, Old Mission San Luis Rey has begun offering a weekly Mass in Latin.

The Mass is of the current rite but celebrated in Latin instead of English, at 9:30 a.m. Sundays in the parish center chapel.

A note in last week's Old Mission parish bulletin read, "Our hope is that the ones who are uncomfortable" with the Mass in English will attend the celebration of the Mass in Latin.

Bishop Maher's request to Franciscan Father Martin McKeon, pastor of the Mission, to arrange a Latin Mass followed a Holy Thursday letter to bishops from Pope John Paul II.

In that letter on the Eucharist the pope urged a sensitivity to those who by background have a fondness for Latin.

A spokesperson for Bishop Maher said the Mass at San Luis Rey will help determine how many persons in the diocese are interested in attending a Mass in Latin.

USD offers pastoral programs to all

SAN DIEGO — The University of San Diego's Continuing Education division will again offer a series of summer religious institutes for priests, sisters and laypersons, particularly religious education instructors.

Speakers for the eight-program series, "Pastoring to Today's Christian Community," are representatives of some of the finest thinkers in their respective fields, said Malachi Rafferty, USD continuing education director.

THE SERIES deals with such topics as women's role in ministry (June 9-13), management skills in a church setting (June 14), parish involvement in Christian initiation (June 16-20), contemporary developments in the theology of Christ and Christian eschatology — theology of the ultimate, such as death, judgment, heaven and hell — (June 16-20).

Other topics include the authority of the church (June 23-27), family ministry and catechesis in the parish (June 23-27), creation-centered spirituality (July 7-11), and the theological dimensions of worship, social and political activity (July 21-25).

Most of the four-day programs cost $120 and offer two units of continuing education credit for CCD teachers in the diocese.

A LIMITED number of rooms are available for those who enroll and wish to stay on the campus during a program.

The first program, "Women in Ministry," will be held from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. June 9-13 in Salomon Lecture Hall in DeSales Hall on the campus. Included is a 7 to 9 p.m. session June 12 on "Women's Journeys in Churches and Synagogues," which is open to nonregistrants at a cost of $5 per person.

Further information about this and all other programs of the series is available from the USD Continuing Education Office, 293-4585.

Institute to help meet CCD teachers' needs

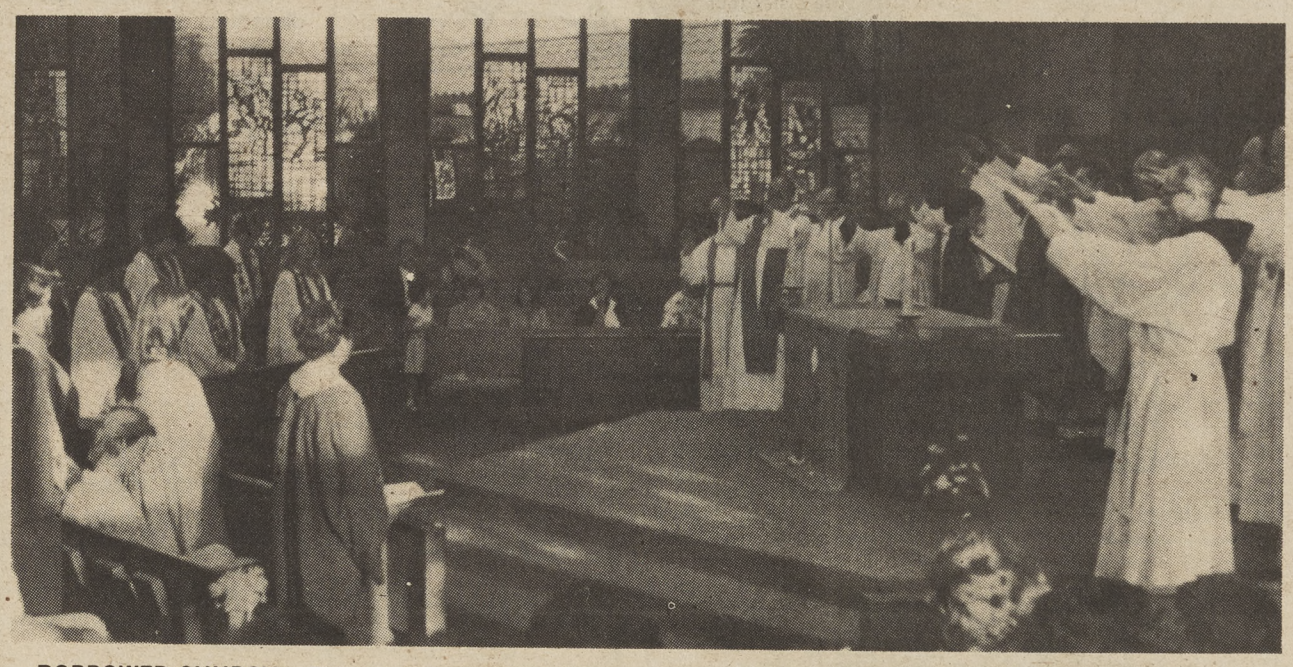
SAN DIEGO — The diocesan Office of Religious Education will host a comprehensive one-day institute this summer and conduct several workshops throughout the year to meet the needs of religious education teachers in the diocese, announced Sister Josephine Breen, director.

The institute, which will be held Saturday, Sept. 27, on the University of San Diego campus, will offer a keynote address in English and one in Spanish, 40 workshops, a special eucharistic liturgy and several exhibits on catechetical material, Sister Josephine said.

Theme of the institute will be "Echoing God's Word Creates Family" ("El Resonar de la Palabra Crea la Familia") in observance of the Year of the Family, sponsored by the U.S. bishops.

"The one-day program together with several other workshops throughout the year is expected to adequately meet the needs of our catechists, who teach about 40,000 young people, and replace the weekend congress of former years," Sister Josephine said.

Parish directors of religious education and parish school principals have received fliers to pass out to their teachers, she said. Registration materials will be mailed individually to teachers in mid-August, Sister Josephine added.



BORROWED CHURCH — Thirteen priests join Auxiliary Bishop Gilbert Chavez in extending their hands toward 19 confirmation candidates of St. Margaret parish, Oceanside, during Mass in the First Presbyterian Church of Oceanside. The Rev. Duane Walker, pastor of the Presbyterian congregation, offered the use of the church to Father William Gold, pastor of St. Margaret's, which is a young parish without a church. (Staff photo)

commentary

Editorial

Save the family neighborhood

Legal experts and city planners are not the only people who are puzzled over a recent state Supreme Court ruling extending the right of privacy for individuals.

Anyone who values the concept of family as the core of society may also find the May 15 ruling disturbing. It struck down ordinances in California cities that place a limit on the number of unrelated persons living in single family dwellings.

The California Supreme Court's decision was based on the 1972 amendment to the state Constitution which guarantees one's right to privacy. The court felt the amendment also extends the right of persons to live in "alternate family" not related by blood, marriage or adoption.

Justice Newman said, "The right to privacy is a right to be left alone. It is a fundamental and compelling interest." He continued, "It protects our home, our families, our thoughts, our emotions, our expressions, our personalities, our freedom of communion and our freedom to associate with the people we choose."

The majority of justices held that distinguishing between natural families and unrelated persons who choose to live together is unconstitutional. We agree.

But, we would hope that this judgment does not give those with lifestyles totally at odds with that of raising a family license to move into neighborhoods and create all sorts of havoc short of breaking the law.

We do not see any problem when small and community respecting individuals, not related by blood, marriage or adoption, come together and live under one roof. Many of our communities of nuns have had extreme difficulties finding homes in which they could live because of local ordinances addressing this very point.

The key phrase is small groups that respect the community. Some groups of people are just not concerned with the lifestyle that goes on outside their quarters or are too large for the overall welfare of the neighborhood.

What we are concerned with is the preservation of residential areas conducive to family life. Many families are living where they are now for one reason—their children. They want an environment that provides some semblance of order.

The court feels residential environments are not necessarily dependent on a "blood, marriage or adoption" relationship. By rendering its decision based on this concept, the court has now confused the whole issue of what are acceptable or unacceptable neighborhood lifestyles.

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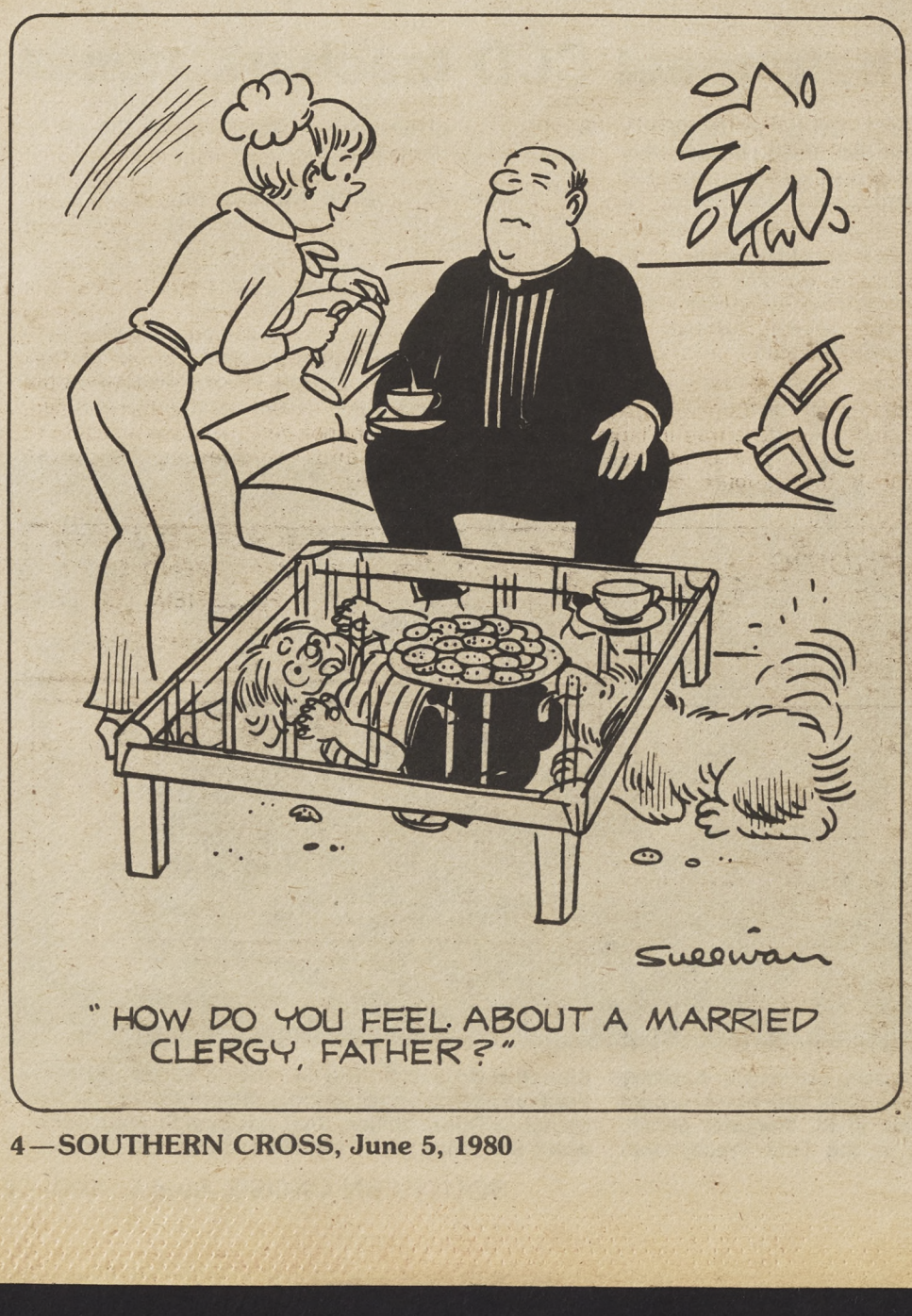
To drop or not to drop holy days

I don't approve of Bishop Leo T. Maher trying to discontinue our holy days. My mother was a convert to Catholicism. We were brought up quite strict.

All the holy days should be held the day they fall on. We aren't in politics. I couldn't even see them changing the holidays. I believe all holidays should be held the day that was originated for them.

If all Americans agree like I do, they should write to the President of the United States. In some countries, Jan. 6, the Epiphany, which is called "little Christmas," is a holy day. That's when the wise men come and bring their gifts.

Regina S. Jesberger
San Diego



Drop holy days

I approve of the change to two holy days of obligation. As a working woman, my negative attitude about getting to Mass on a workday undoes my reason for being there. As far as New Year's Day, the ordinary layman cannot attach any religious significance to it.

I hope the bishops will make this long overdue and sensible change.

Patricia A. Crowley
San Diego

What if...

Regarding your coverage of "In Aestimable Donum" (SC, May 29), please note.

If the word blacks, or the word Chicanos was substituted for the word women in the statement regarding altar services, the Vatican Congregation for the Sacraments and Divine Worship (and John Paul II) would be labeled racist; however, the anti-laity, anti-woman statement as written seems to stir far less opposition.

It is indeed heartbreaking that our young daughters' first sexist encounter should be at the door of their church.

There is no scriptural or ecclesiastical basis for this exclusion of lay people, of women.

It was a woman who reached out and aided Christ during His walk to Calvary; women who stood at the foot of the cross; and a woman who was the first witness to the Resurrection, and was instructed by Christ to go out and inform the others.

Time has come for us to take a stand against being excluded from full participation in the liturgy.

Patricia M. Georgens
Poway

Express my concern

I saw the article on the need of the Catholic Workers in Christ the King parish (SC, May 8). I was moved by this need, but because I am unable to make a donation at this time, I wanted at least to express my concern.

Yvonne Rasura
San Diego

Harris approves for once

For what it's worth, I was impressed that you published all of my letter in the May 8 issue Letters column. You have tended to be gunshy of sharp and explicit criticism of your editorial choices.

You have earned my respect by your openness in that regard, and I sincerely hope it bodes well for growth in the stature of the Southern Cross under your editorship, whatever our differences of viewpoint.

James J. Harris
San Diego

Sees God as a mystery

The article "But, how do you see God?" (SC, May 29) was fascinating. I personally prefer to "see" God as a mystery and leave it at that!

Ramon Oceguera
San Diego

Demonstrated courage

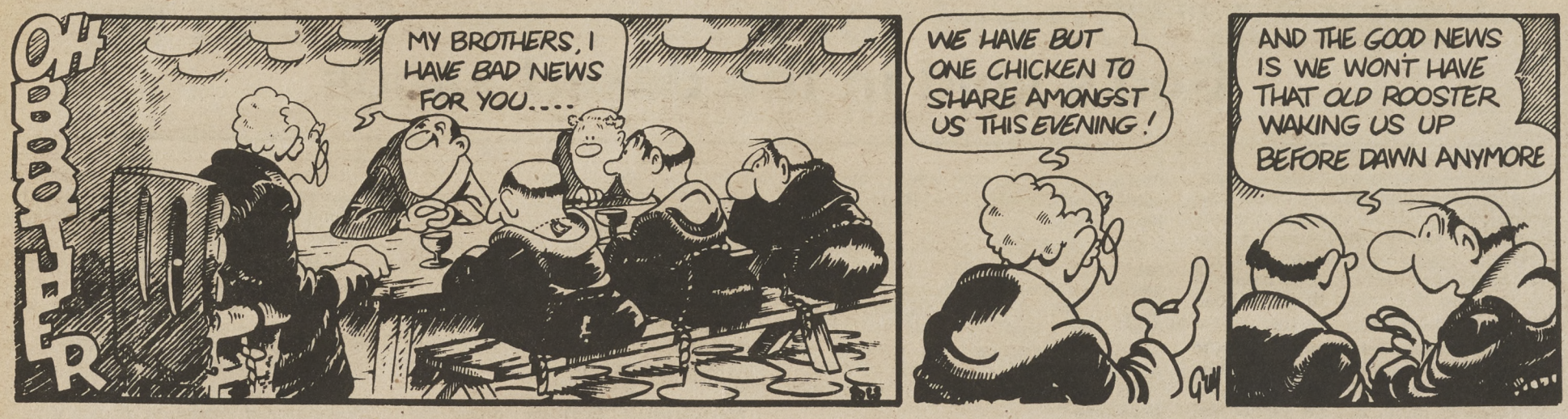
I like to read the Southern Cross very much—your presentation and variety of subjects are very good. And your printing those critical letters along with the favorable ones demonstrates your courage.

Reading these letters, it is apparent that a lot of persons must spend an awful lot of time criticizing or, perhaps, wanting to show others they have a fair flair for writing. But I find most of these are clever at twisting the truth.

Richard K. Collins
Barstow

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Looking for the Lord

By Father John Reedy, CSC

Personal growth through brokenness

This column will be a very personal reflection—possibly too personal to be appropriate. However, I have come to believe that, for Christians, the honest sharing of significant experiences can be an important way of sharing the Lord who lives through us.

I've just killed another publication—a very small newsletter—but it was the last vestige of a tradition of Catholic journalism which initiated the work of Ave Maria Press 115 years ago.

IT ALSO MARKS the first time in 26 years that I am not editing some publication. (I remain a publisher of a reasonably healthy book publishing operation.)

The terminal illness of our periodical work has been an extended one, beginning with the folding of our weekly magazine, "Ave Maria," 10 years ago. The newsletter represented a decade-long effort to continue a scaled-down periodical.

The prolonged death struggle has been painful for several reasons.

THE MOST WORTHY ONE is related to my deep conviction that the Catholic community of the United States must have a healthy, varied service of religious journalism.

Catholics, as a community living through rapid change, must have the information, which will enable us to understand what is going on in our church, which will allow us to make responsible decisions regarding our own participation.

We simply cannot get that kind of information from the pulpit, from books, from the classroom. And we certainly cannot get it in needed quantity and perspective from the coverage of religion in secular publications.

IT HURTS TO RECOGNIZE a vital need, to have a chance to serve that need, to be unable to sustain the service.

Journalists, like politicians, make their mistakes, win recognition, experience failure or rejection in a public forum. Personal vanity is not a Christian virtue, but it is a human characteristic.

BUT THERE'S ANOTHER aspect of this experience. Because it has been a long process and because I have had time for reflection, I have come to realize that the failure of our personal aspirations can be a source of nourishment for our Christian lives.

It would be a cheap self-centered excuse to think that God predestined this failure to offer me an opportunity for spiritual growth. But it is not a rationalization to say that there is a special quality of peace, a new appreciation of detachment, when we come to accept our broken aspirations, our bruised vanity.

I'M EMBARRASSED TO TALK in these terms when I compare my personal disappointment with the pain and loss I've seen in many lives during my years in the priesthood.

But it is the experience I have known. Though shallow in comparison with these other sufferings, it has provided me with some understanding of the peace and richness I have seen in the lives of people who have suffered greatly.

It has also given me a somewhat deeper understanding of the cross in Christian life. The cross still remains a mystery; I don't pretend to offer rational explanations for much of the suffering I see.

HOWEVER, WHILE NOT really being able to explain the suffering experienced by so many good people, I am better able to understand the growth and richness which God allows many of these people to draw from their suffering.

This is one, fairly superficial insight into the meaning of the cross in Christian life. No matter how painful and bewildering the suffering, it can be the occasion for God to offer a totally unexpected experience of peace, wisdom and growth in human dignity.

Talks with Parents

By Dolores Curran

Parish cooperation, not competition

Let's take a couple of hypothetical parishes: St. Gertrude's and St. Rose's. Put them in the Archdiocese of Anywhere. Each has three Masses on Sunday, a DRE, a struggling parish council, and about 15 programs all vying for the same 10 percent of active parishioners. Each organization, from the Youth Group to the Sunset Years Club, spends most of its time trying to get more money, more members, and more life.

Then along comes the Year of the Family and the parishes are told they should have support groups for singles, divorced, interfaiths, etc. The pastors throw up their hands in despair, then call the parish regulars who reluctantly agree to spearhead yet another committee.

SIX MONTHS LATER, each of the parishes is trying to offer a parenting education workshop, a group for the formerly married, a family day of spirituality, a youth retreat, and a grief seminar. Neither is happy with attendance. They are a mile apart.

Finally, one overcommitted parishioner who hasn't seen her family for weeks is struck by the Holy Spirit. "I heard St. Rose's has a good parent course. Why don't we get in touch with them and see if we can share it?"

Silence. Heresy has reared its ugly head. Go outside the parish boundaries? What's the matter, you don't like our parish? If you don't like it, you can leave it, you know. But our parish is OUR parish and we don't have to ask for help from outsiders.

NONE OF THIS IS SPOKEN, of course, but it's felt. The woman hastily withdraws her suggestion and each parish continues to struggle along trying to offer duplicate services to half classes with an overworked staff.

I run into this not-so-hypothetical situation frequently. Recently I turned down an invitation to do a weekend retreat in a parish. I barely hung up when I got a call from the same diocese, nearby parish, with a similar request.

I suggested the two parishes co-sponsor a family retreat, sharing costs and staff and attracting a much wider group. There was silence on the other end. Then the pastor said, "Well, we kind of wanted something for our own parishioners... we don't do much of that sort of thing here..." And that was that.

WHERE IN THE HOLY words is it written that parishes are supposed to compete? Is one pastor's success another's threat? Is this competition rather than cooperation between parishes intensified by rolls of honor in the diocesan paper, indicating which parishes drum up the most money for the annual diocesan fund campaign?

I'm convinced that in most cases it's the pastors who are competing, not the flock. This may be less true in large industrial cities where one is identified more by parish than suburb and where parish loyalty is intense. In those parishes, one may not consider stepping across the line for a prayer meeting or sexuality workshop for fear of being disloyal.

But in other areas, I sense that parishioners themselves would like more cooperation (and less wearying volunteerism) with other parishes but sense that their pastors aren't interested.

Their pastors don't want to know about good programs across the parish lines, much less share them. They become very quiet when parish sharing is suggested and parishioners take their cue.

MEANWHILE, ST. GERTRUDE'S will struggle on with a young mothers' group that draws eight and St. Rose's with a young mothers' group that draws 10. They will both want the same speaker on the same evening. One will be disappointed, the other apologetic because there are so few attendees. Blessed be parish autonomy.

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Christian Way of Life

By Enid Lanyon

God's gold in the desert sands

A group of people were talking about prayer and the remarkable results of their recent prayers. A man who was listening turned away saying, "Well, maybe prayer works and maybe it's something else, but you'll have to give me more proof before I'll buy the idea that these things happen through God's action."

There are always people who must try to "prove" God. Usually that means putting him to some kind of test that seems significant to them. But we cannot test God because our criteria are so subjective and our ways are not his ways. Nor can we ever "prove" his love.

IF OUR EXPECTATIONS are negative, they will always produce negative results. It is rather like the case of a man who resented having to ask his wife for help with his work and so managed to time his requests for moments when she was very busy and unlikely to respond with enthusiasm.

One day his timing misfired and she listened to him, nodded and said, "Yes, sure I will." "Why do you always have to make such a big deal when I ask you something?" he retorted. "Why do I always have to beg?"

She looked at him in astonishment. "I said 'yes,'" she replied. "It's always the same," he went on. "You've never got time..." She interrupted his tirade twice more with "I said 'yes, I will'" before the words penetrated. Even then, he would not accept her ready cooperation as a fact. "Well, why couldn't you say so at the beginning?"

WE OFTEN APPROACH God with the same attitude, already convinced that our prayer will not be satisfactorily answered and so unable to comprehend when it is. If we do not hear God answering "Yes," or "Yes, but not right now," or "Not this time," maybe we are listening too hard to our own hang-ups. Or maybe our pride demands that we put him in the wrong.

Henry Ward Beecher, a Protestant clergyman who died almost a century ago, likened "proving" God's action in one's life to being told that there are iron particles in beach sand and trying to find them with our fingers or detect them by sight. It is virtually impossible.

But, draw a magnet over the area and the iron would leap up to cling to it. "The unthankful heart," he said, "like a finger in the sand discovers no mercies; but let the thankful heart sweep through the day and—like the magnet discovers iron—so it will find in every hour, some heavenly blessings. But the iron in God's sand is gold."

WE CANNOT "TEST" or "prove" God except in faith and thanksgiving. We, on the other hand, are tested and, hopefully, proved when we undergo what appears as trials, and emerge stronger and in control.

But our victory also "proves" God because it is his love, his fidelity and infinite concern and care for us that makes it possible.

It seems likely that most of us understand this although not always consciously. Perhaps those who seem compelled to destroy all that is good in themselves and their lives are driven by some need to test and disprove God in their own persons! Like the unfortunate husband, they deny themselves the willing, loving cooperation of God by their refusal to accept it.

IF WE REALLY WANT to prove God for ourselves and in our own lives, we are going to have to become resigned to a life of patience and vigilance; to learn the qualities of a magnet and draw goodness towards us so that it may cling to us.

And we are going to have to become open-minded enough to discern what is iron and what is purest gold even when it contradicts what we think we see.

How much simpler it is to believe and try to grow in belief. How much more reinforcing and stimulating to see God's hand in all the little daily miracles that happen to us all!

But there is also the tremendous responsibility of knowing that those who are driven to "prove" God are testing him in us, too—in the way we live our lives and behave in our relationships. If they are searching for fragments of gold in the sand, we should not emerge as iron.

Q and A

By Father Warren J. Rouse, OFM

Places for penance

Q: People seem to receive the sacrament of penance in the weirdest, most casual places today. Is there any law about this? Is a confessional screen still necessary?

A: Contrary to quite detailed and ominous legislation in the past, the Introduction merely states: "The sacrament of penance is celebrated in the place and location prescribed by law." Our official BCL commentary suggests the following: a small chapel or room; at the presidential chair; the baptistry; and chapels of the blessed sacrament.

Standard pastoral practice also includes any place where confessor and penitent happen to be at the same time. But receiving this sacrament "on the run" or just because it happens to be convenient or just "to get grace" can only be described as perversions of the sacrament.

The origin of the screen or grill seems to go back to St. Charles Borromeo and his law that forbade priests to hear women's confessions "outside the confessional unless there is a divider between them." If the confession were heard inside the confessional, then the screen was unnecessary.

It was in 1614 that the grill was prescribed to separate priest from penitent even inside the confessional if the latter were a woman. The Code of Canon Law reiterated this law.

The BCL explains the reason most delicately: "The origin of a grill or barrier is not to be found in a desire for anonymity. That came as a secondary effect because of the separation and darkness of the confessional."

Finally, the sacrament of reconciliation may be celebrated at any time and on any day. "However, people should know about the fixed times when the priest is available for this ministry. It is obvious that confessions should not be heard during Mass or any other liturgical celebration."

Q: What do the American bishops say about our obligation to take in all these Cubans and Haitians?

A: At their meeting in Chicago the bishops issued a statement which says in part: "There is need for an immediate response to provide for our Haitian and Cuban brothers and sisters who are daily risking their lives in their search for security and freedom... We request President Carter immediately to grant asylum and permanent residence to the boat people of both Cuba and Haiti who are seeking asylum and safety on our southern shores."

the Saints

by Luke

ST. BARNABAS



"THERE WAS A CERTAIN LEVITE FROM CYPRUS NAMED JOSEPH. HE SOLD HIS FARM AND DONATED THE MONEY, LAYING IT AT THE APOSTLES' FEET." THE APOSTLES GAVE HIM A NEW NAME: BARNABAS, WHICH MEANS 'SON OF ENCOURAGEMENT.'

"HE WAS A GOOD MAN, FULL OF THE HOLY SPIRIT AND OF FAITH, AND WAS CHOSEN TO THE FAST GROWING CHURCH OF ANTIOCH."

BARNABAS PREACHED IN ANTIOCH ALONG WITH PAUL FOR A YEAR. THEN THE TWO SET OUT TOGETHER TO CYPRUS AND THE CITIES OF ASIA MINOR. THEY PREACHED WITH GREAT SUCCESS. AFTER A MIRACLE AT LYSTRA THE PEOPLE REGARDED THEM AS GODS. BUT THE TWO SAID, "WE ARE JUST MEN, BRINGING YOU THE GOOD NEWS THAT WILL CONVERT YOU TO THE LIVING GOD."

LATER, BARNABAS AND PAUL SEPARATED; BARNABAS TAKING MARK TO CYPRUS, AND PAUL TAKING SILAS TO SYRIA. THEY WERE REUNITED LATER.

THE FEAST OF ST. BARNABAS, APOSTLE, IS CELEBRATED ON JUNE 11.

Sunday Readings

By Father Eugene H. Maly

Jesus as the bread of life

Corpus Christi; June 8, 1980. Genesis 14:18-20; 1 Corinthians 11:23-26; Luke 9:11-17.

"I myself am the bread of life." These startling words of Jesus are found in John's Gospel (6:35). "Startling" is hardly an exaggeration here. The only reason why they might not startle someone is because they have been heard so often they no longer make an impression. Listen to them anew!

How is Jesus the bread of life? The prophet Amos had spoken long ago of a famine of God's word (8:11). He was comparing it to bread that nourishes the body. God's word is spirit-nourishing bread.

THE IMMEDIATE CONTEXT shows that Jesus was speaking of Himself in this sense. He is the revelation of the Father, God's Word. That is why He goes on to say that no one who comes to Him and believes in Him will ever be hungry or thirsty (6:35). Just to know who Jesus is and to accept Him proves to be rich fare.

But He says even more. The same startling words are spoken later in the context of His own body and blood. "If anyone eats this bread he shall live forever; the bread I will give is my flesh, for the life of the world" (6:51). Now "startling" appears an even weaker word. This is truly momentous!

In his gospel John does not tell us how this can be. All he does here is to assure his readers of the awesome reality of Jesus' words, in part by noting that many of His disciples left Him because they could not accept His words literally. And Jesus did not stop them!

SCHOLARS HAVE GENERALLY argued that John does not record the institution of the Eucharist at the Last Supper, as other evangelists do, because it was so well known by his readers.

In his Gospel he is providing deeper reflections on realities already accepted. The whole of chapter six, in fact, can be seen as a meditation on the Eucharist.

The celebration of the Eucharist was the most commonly practiced rite in the early Church. It was so commonly practiced that we might wonder why any mention of its institution would be recorded in the New Testament at all. One doesn't have to tell a veteran housewife where the local bakery is.

WHEN WE DO, THEN, find accounts of the institution of the Eucharist in the New Testament, we can suspect that there is a special reason for them. The best proof of this is our second reading, from Paul's letter to the Corinthians. It is the oldest account of Jesus' words of institution that we have.

Still, even this account was given by Paul, not to instruct his readers in something they hadn't learned yet, but to warn them against abusing a precious part of their Christian heritage. And they were doing just that. They were celebrating the Lord's Supper with flagrant violations of Christian love (11:17-22).

PAUL, THEN, RECALLS Jesus' words instituting the Eucharist in order to bring home to these Corinthians the awesomeness of the mystery they are celebrating.

What he is really saying to them is this: "Listen anew to these words: 'This is my body. This is my blood.' Do you know what that means and still behave as you do?"

The story of the multiplication of the loaves, our Gospel reading, is still more evidence that the Eucharist was part of the very tissue of Christianity. Long before Luke took over the account it had taken on eucharistic overtones. It had become a eucharistic account.

THE FOOD THAT FILLS thousands is Jesus, "the bread of life." This was so commonly accepted that, unlike many of the parables, the story didn't even need an explanation.

We're still hearing those same startling words from the altar. Do we understand? What does it mean to us that Jesus is Himself the bread of life?

Pope has strong words for French groups

PARIS (NC)—Pope John Paul II barnstormed through Paris on his four-day visit to France, leaving in his wake strongly worded warnings to specific groups to assume their responsibilities for solving major world and church problems.

During the visit (May 30-June 2) the pope delivered around 24 speeches. These included:

- Asking the French bishops to reconcile differences between Catholics rejecting many of the teachings of Vatican II and those wanting more liberal interpretations of the council documents;
- Telling scientists they are threatening the future of mankind through genetic manipulation and by creating increasingly destructive nuclear weapons;
- Warning workers against viewing communism as the solution to the world's injustices;
- Reminding French Catholics of their responsibility to remain faithful to baptismal promises.

The pope also met with some 50,000 cheering French youths in Paris and addressed 21 questions posed by them.

"THE ENTIRE BIBLE is a dialogue with man, with various generations, with nations, with different traditions...," the pope told the youth. "But it is always and continually a dialogue with man, every individual man, absolutely singularly unique."

Pope John Paul also received criticism during the trip. French Protestant leaders criticized Catholic restrictions on intercommunion.

At a morning meeting with non-Catholic Christian leaders (May 31), the pope expressed his often-stated wish to "restore among all Christians that unity willed by Christ."

BUT THE VICE PRESIDENT of the National Council of Reformed Churches in France, Max-Alain Chevallier, told the pope, "But the question that we put is this: Is it legitimate to refuse access to the table of the Lord to those who do not share totally the doctrinal definitions?"

Chevallier also warned against possible misinterpretation of the papal trip as an effort to gain political advantantage for the Catholic Church in France, a country which has legal church-state separation.

But throughout the trip, the pope emphasized the spiritual nature of his journey.

THE VOYAGE was generally regarded as an effort to stimulate what the Vatican considers the declining adherence to Catholicism in French life. Although 85 percent of the French profess Catholicism, only 20 percent are practicing Catholics.

On May 30, his first day in Paris, the pope set the tone for his efforts to reinvigorate French Catholicism.

'God is a family,' charismatics told

NOTRE DAME, Ind. (NC)—The spirit was both joyous and serious at the 1980 National Conference on the Charismatic Renewal in the Catholic Church May 30-June 1 on the University of Notre Dame campus.

More than 11,000 men, women and children—some wearing blue T-shirts with the conference theme, "God, make us your family" emblazoned across the front—embraced old friends, sang, prayed and listened to talks on ways to strengthen the quality of nuclear family life and the family of God.

"GOD IS A FAMILY," Redemptorist Father Thomas Forrest said during the opening general session. "To this divine family we give the special name Trinity," he said.

Father Forrest is the director of the International Communications Office serving the Catholic Charismatic Renewal in Brussels, Belgium.

"Man is capable of living the very same life that God lives, the life of many as one. For us being a family is the only way for us to be God-like," he said.

RALPH MARTIN, an author and member of the Word of God Community in Ann Arbor, Mich., said "problems can look overwhelming, because the secular culture is enveloping."

He mentioned television, schools and the economy as contributing to anxiety and despair about marriage and family life. But he said Christians have help other people do not have, a commitment from God. This commitment makes a people of hope, he said.

The fourth commandment, "Honor thy father and thy mother," is the key to improved family life, according to Dorothy Ranaghan, a member of the National Service Committee of the Catholic Charismatic Renewal and the mother of five children.

MRS. RANAGHAN outlined four ways parents can teach honor. First, parents need to be there in the home and there should be a family dinner hour with everyone sharing a meal and conversation.

Second, parents must create an environment of prayer and order in the home. Third, parents must guard their values of truth and of right and wrong. Fourth, she urged parents actively to train their children "to become just like us" and to respect the values their parents do.

During the final general session Martin urged conference participants to make a break with some aspects of the contemporary secular culture, to study the Bible and to object firmly to evil and false teachings.

"We need to start beating the wolf when he comes near our sheep," he said and recommended joining more closely with other committed Christians to do this.

Refugee director blames riot on troublemakers, frustration

FORT CHAFFEE, Ark. (NC)—The director of the U.S. Catholic Conference's refugee resettlement efforts at Fort Chaffee, Ark., blames recent rioting and camp breakouts on troublemakers and camp-bred frustrations.

Dave Lewis said about 200 of the some 19,000 camp residents were responsible for a riot June 1 in which refugees who broke out of the camp clashed with local law enforcement officers before being forced back.

Lewis said the weekend conflict was precipitated by "roving bands obviously composed of people looking for trouble."

He added he "wouldn't be surprised" if the Cuban government had planted the troublemakers among the other refugees leaving Cuba as agents to create havoc in the United States.

Lewis said the refugees are frustrated because they "know where they want to go" (many have relatives in the United States), but are confronted with a time-consuming process that seems to hinder them.

Ministry to handicapped means more than ramps

NEW YORK (NC)—True ministry to the handicapped involves more than equipping churches with access ramps, wide doorways and special toilet facilities, said Cardinal George Basil Hume of Westminster, England.

"Such practical details need attention, as well as the more theoretical ideas and less tangible ones of improved realization and understanding on the part of non-handicapped members of the church," the cardinal said May 25 in the annual Alexander Roberts Lecture at Cathedral College, New York archdiocesan preparatory seminary.

The lecture, named after a Cathedral College student who died in 1973, is for the benefit of handicapped children.

"Every human being is handicapped in some way: physically, mentally, psychologically, socially and morally," the lanky, white-haired cardinal said. "The courage of visibly handicapped people is often a great inspiration to us who carry our handicaps."

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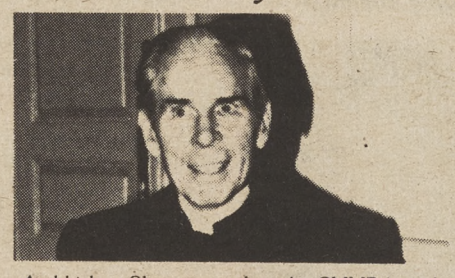
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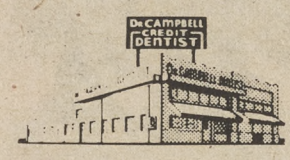
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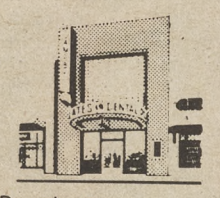
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BOOK DISTRIBUTION — Julia Chavez, 7, checks her book in with a Friends of the Library volunteer, Helen Davis. (Staff photos by Sally Arguilez)

At Our Lady's School

Program brings books to kids

SAN DIEGO — About 200 school children sat around tables eyeing the books piled on top.

A few minutes later these youngsters at Our Lady's School in Southeast San Diego clutched books tightly at their sides or held out their books proudly for inspection by friends and teachers.

Our Lady's School, which is about 95 percent Mexican-American, participated in the federal program of Reading Is Fundamental (RIF) in which the children in the primary grades received a book of their own, said Richard Scherer, principal.

THE PILOT program was launched at the school by the University of San Diego Friends of the Library. A $100 grant from the group qualified the elementary school for an additional $300 from RIF with which to purchase books, said Genevieve Bennett, president of Friends of the Library.

The book distribution was the first for students in the diocese's parochial schools, Mrs. Bennett pointed out.

"We would eventually like to see this happen in other schools throughout the diocese," she said.

"I HOPE that local PTGs (Parent-Teacher Groups) will take over and raise funds for their schools. The RIF program will contribute $300 in matching funds for every $100 raised."

Before receiving the books, pupils in the first, second, third and fourth grades were familiarized with various authors and drew bookcovers displayed in the classrooms.

"They get to choose their own book and keep it. It gets the children excited about reading," said Scherer. Enough books were bought so that another book distribution could be held in the fall.

"WE ARE going to try to extend the book distribution to the upper grades but we wanted to get books into the hands of the children in the primary grades first," he explained.



GOT HIS GIFT — Fortunato Alfaro, a six-year-old first grader at Our Lady's School, sits in a corner examining his new book. Children in the primary grades were given their own books under a pilot program started by USD Friends of the Library.



SEEING DOUBLE? — Eighth grade teacher Jeanne Nickoli might have cause to think she has double vision. She has taught four sets of twins in her classroom of 26 pupils at St. Martin Academy in La Mesa. From left in front row are: Andrew and Arthur Alvarez and Stephen and Kathleen Black. Second row: Julie and Kathy Moser and Eileen and Conway Bowman.

'Friends of God' June school theme

LEMON GROVE — "Great Friends of God" will be the theme of the second annual Summer Vacation School at St. John of the Cross here on June 16-18 and June 23-25.

Classes will include arts and crafts, dance, film, supervised playtime, music and two original plays. The lives of St. Francis, St. Patrick, St. Martin de Porres, and Kateri Tekawitha "Lily of the Mohawks" will be presented.

Students will produce a play based on the life of Kateri on June 25 in observance of her beatification in Rome on June 22. There will also be a narrative about Father Junipero Serra.

Camp Oliver open house set

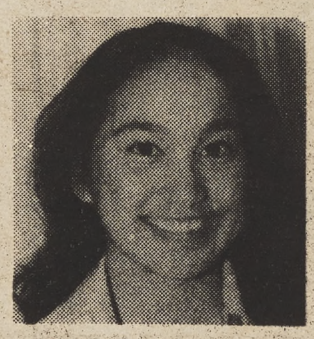
SAN DIEGO — Camp Oliver, a resident summer camp conducted by the Sisters of Social Service, will hold its annual open house on June 8 from 1-5 p.m. It is located in Descanso adjacent to Green Valley Falls about 45 minutes from San Diego.

Sessions for boys will be held June 29-July 19. Sessions for girls will be held from July 20-August 20. Camp events include swimming, horseback riding, arts and crafts, and cookouts. For more information call 233-8798 or write 1725 Union St., San Diego, 92101.

The camp was donated years ago by Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Oliver of San Diego.



Gregory Witteman



Wenonah Paras

Teenagers are outstanding

Youth awards go to UniHi pupils

SAN DIEGO — A University High School senior has been chosen Youth of the Year, while another was selected Youth of the Month by the Mission Valley Exchange Club.

Gregory Witteman, 17, was chosen Youth of the Year based on his academic, school, religious and athletic activities.

He received a $100 savings bond and qualified as a finalist for the California - Hawaii - Nevada District Exchange Club competition.

An altar boy and lector at Mary Star of the Sea in La Jolla, Gregory has also obtained the religious scout awards, Ad Altare Dei and Pius XII.

Wenonah Paras, 17, a senior at UniHi and Youth of the Month, is a member of the California Scholastic Federation.

Her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Alejandro Paras and she are parishioners of St. Therese, San Diego.

She represents the San Diego County Pangasinan Filipino Society.

Students win at state science fair

LOS ANGELES — Three students from parochial schools in the San Diego diocese brought home awards from the California State Science Fair held recently here.

Eduardo Padilla, a student at Vincent Memorial High School in Calexico, took first place in the 11th and 12th grade behavioral sciences.

His project, "Improving Intelligence with Thiamine," involved two years of study of the effects of the vitamin Thiamine on the intelligence of rats.

He was awarded the San Diego Nutrition Society-Price Pottenger award at the county-wide Greater San Diego Science and Engineering Fair held in April.

University High student Gerard Fenech took a second place in the 9th and 10th grade physical sciences category at the state fair with his project, "Investigation with a Plasma."

The 16-year-old's study of the electrical characteristics of an ionized gas took him almost a year to complete. He received the American Vacuum Award at the county fair.

Mary Goan, 12, a student at Santa Sophia in Spring Valley, took first place in the 7th and 8th grade division of the behavioral sciences. Her project, "Will Toys Appeal to Children More than Candy at Halloween?" also earned the student the San Diego County Dental Award at the county fair.

French winners

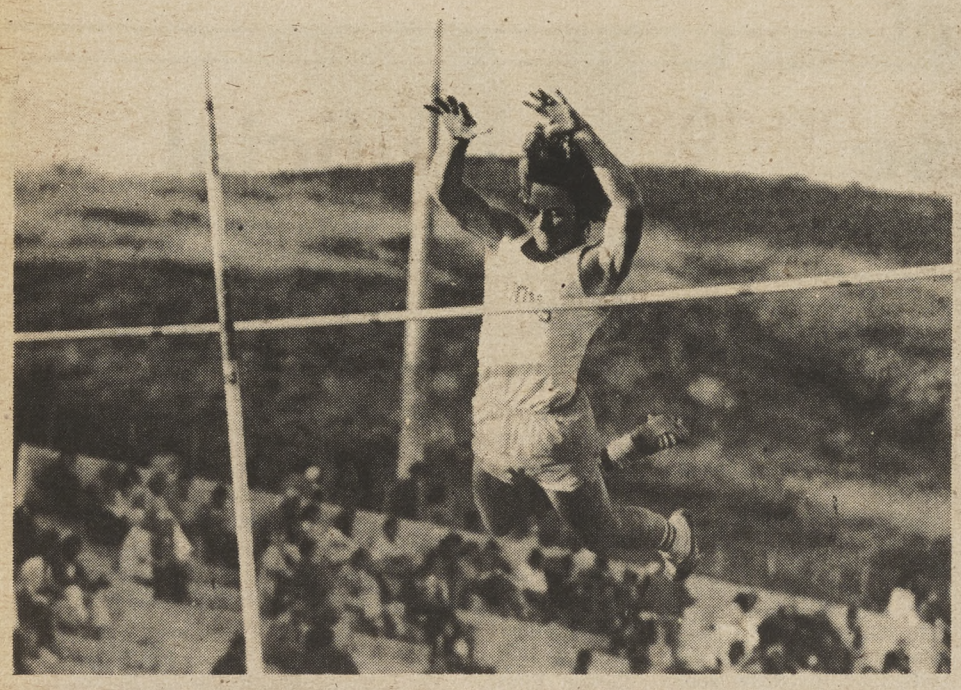
Academy of Our Lady of Peace students took first and fifth place nationally from among 57,000 students taking a French test sponsored by the American Association of Teachers of French.

Valerie Smetona, a ninth grader, won a first place while Alba Garcia took a fifth place, according to Kathleen Franseze, French teacher at the school.



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SCHOOL RECORD—Dan Gaston displays his pole vaulting form as he clears 13'9" at the CIF county championships held last Friday at Mt. Carmel High School. The University High athlete set a new school record in the event and is among those advancing to the state finals. (Staff photo by Gerry Korson)

Four headed for state finals

High school track and field stars excel in county meet

RANCHO PENASQUITOS—Records were shattered and hopes were fulfilled as Catholic high school athletes fared well in the California Interscholastic Federation San Diego County Track and Field Championships held last Friday at Mt. Carmel High School.

As a result of their performances, four students—Sue Compton from Marian, Roger Ramos from St. Augustine, and Dan Gaston and Eve Selis from University—will represent their respective schools in the CIF State Championships June 6-7 in Berkeley.

MARIAN'S SUE COMPTON dominated the girls' discus throw as she sailed the discus 147'10" to easily claim first place. That throw set a new CIF and county record, breaking her own previous mark of 145'1".

She later competed in the girls' shot put, but did not qualify for the finals in that event.

Roger Ramos sprinted and leapt his way to a first-place tie in the boys' 110-meter high hurdles with a time of 14.63 seconds. The favorite in that event, he had previously been clocked at 14.5 during the City West preliminaries earlier this month.

UNIHI FAILED to earn any first-place berths at Mt. Carmel, but two of its athletes came through with inspiring efforts to take second-place finishes and advance to the state finals.

Dan Gaston literally rose to the occasion to earn second place in the boys' pole vault, clearing 13'9". In reaching that plateau, he established a new school record in the event.

In the girls' long jump, UniHi's Eve Selis turned in a surprising performance against remarkable opposition. Despite entering the meet with the lowest qualifying jump among the nine participants and being forced to jump with a cast on her left arm, she came through with a jump of 17'10½"—more than a foot over her previous best—to capture second place and a ticket to Berkeley.

ALSO COMPETING in the county meet but failing to qualify for the state finals were: Paul Sinantra, Marian (pole vault); Teresa Gates, Marian (girls' 400 meters); Rosie Peragine, University (girls' 1600 meters); and Fred Davies, University (boys' 3200 meters).

(Davies died tragically the following evening of causes unrelated to the event. See story below.)

UniHi captures CIF baseball title in 13-inning marathon

SAN DIEGO—University High School captured the California Interscholastic Federation county 2-A baseball championship last week as the Dons nipped Hilltop 3-2 in the semifinals Thursday before outlasting Mission Bay in 13 innings 4-3 in the final on Saturday.

Mike Correia pitched and hit his way into the limelight in both games, earning the victory and batting in the winning run in each.

IN THE THURSDAY game on the University of San Diego field, Bob Doty started for the Dons and tossed an excellent 5-2/3 innings before yielding to Correia during a 6th-inning jam.

Hilltop got a run off Correia in the top of the seventh to forge ahead 2-1, but UniHi bounced back in the bottom half of that last inning with a pair of runs to snare the victory.

After Everett Hernandez opened with a single, Matt O'Malley bunted his way to first base, advancing Hernandez to second. Garr Millay responded with a double to left field on a 3-2 count to score Hernandez, then Correia lashed a single up the middle to bring home O'Malley with the winning run.

CORREIA WAS ON the mound again for the Mission Bay finale, a game that dragged on for 13 innings before a victor emerged.

After a 1-1 tie forced the game into extra innings, Mission Bay tagged Correia for two eighth-inning runs to take a 3-1 edge. The Dons returned with two of their own in the bottom half of the inning to keep the game alive.

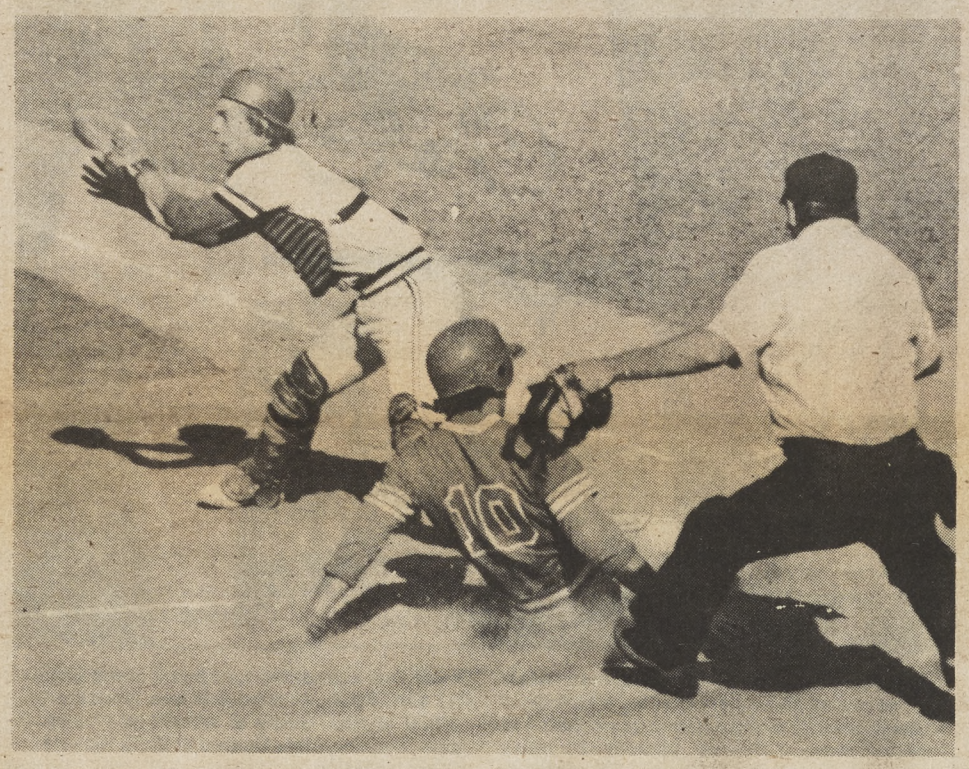
O'Malley led off the eighth with a single and came home on a Millay double. After Correia flied out, Tim Carroll singled and Dan Anguiano was intentionally walked to load the bases. Dwayne Parker then blooped a single to right, bringing in Millay with the tying run.

UNIHI LOADED the bases to no avail in the 10th inning, but meanwhile Correia was silencing the Mission Bay bats as well.

In the Dons' 13th inning, Nezi Balelo started things off with a single to left, followed by Kyle Keller's sacrifice bunt attempt on which Balelo beat the force try at second. Steve Simmons also bunted safely to load the bases.

After Parker and Millay hit into back-to-back force plays at the plate, Correia sliced his game-winning single up the middle, scoring Simmons.

COACH DICK SERRANO'S Dons finished the year 18-7 overall, with 14 of those wins credited to the pitching of Correia.

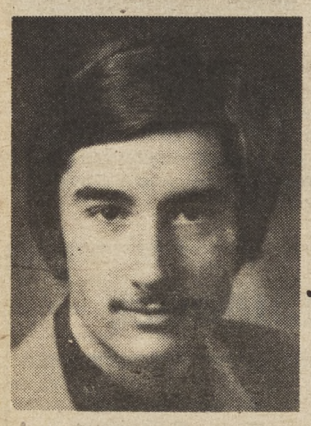


TYING RUN—UniHi's Everett Hernandez (10) slides into home with the tying run in the CIF semifinal game against Hilltop. The Dons defeated Hilltop and Mission Bay to reign as champions of the CIF county 2-A playoffs. (Staff photo)

UniHi track and field captain dies suddenly

Fred Davies, captain of the University High School track and field team, died last Saturday evening, May 31, after a sudden illness.

The 18-year-old senior had competed in the county track and field finals the previous day, and had earlier been honored as UniHi's best two-miler at an awards banquet this year. He was to graduate this Friday, June 6.



Fred Davies

Davies suffered internal disorders after having been out to dinner with his family. Paramedics rushed him to Mission Bay Memorial Hospital, where he was pronounced dead around 10:30 p.m.

A memorial Mass was held Monday during the lunch hour for UniHi students. The funeral Mass was 11 a.m. Wednesday at St. Mary Magdalene Church in San Diego. A private burial followed at Holy Cross Cemetery.

He is survived by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Robert E. Davies, and a brother, Robert W.

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BAZAARS

Sacred Heart Church festival, June 7, 10 a.m.-7 p.m., at church, 4776 Saratoga Ave., Ocean Beach in San Diego. Details: 224-6890.

EDUCATION

"Women in Ministry," third annual institute, June 9-13, 10 a.m.-3 p.m., summer religious programs, University of San Diego. Details: Office of Continuing Education, 291-6480.

Ideas workshop for summer parish youth programs, offered by the Office of Youth Ministries, June 8, 10 a.m.- 3 p.m., conference room of the Diocesan Office, USD campus. Applications or details: Youth Office, 297-5882.

General catechists meeting, June 7, 9 a.m.-5 p.m., Our Lady of the Sacred Heart, San Diego. Details: 297-7113.

"Journey: Women in the Church and Synagogue," a presentation by Dr. Rosemary Ruether and Dr. Rosemary Keller, June 12, 7-9 p.m., Salomon Lecture Hall, in De Sales Hall, USD campus. Details: Sister Marlene, 293-4585.

LITURGIES

Eucharistic Holy Hour, including Adoration and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament, June 6, 7:30 p.m., Immaculata Chapel, USD campus.

Solemnity of the Sacred Heart annual celebration, June 13, 10:30 a.m., Holy Hour, 2 p.m., St. Joseph Cathedral, San Diego. Reservations requested by June 9. Details: 222-0840.

Feast of Corpus Christi observance, public invited to join the Benedictine Sisters in Adoration Chapel June 8 between 4 and 5 p.m. to prayer on this feast of the Eucharist and at 6:30 p.m. to sing solemn vespers, Benedictine Convent of Perpetual Adoration, 3888 Paducah Dr., San Diego. Details: 274-1030.

Blue Army of Our Lady of Fatima devotions, June 7, noon, followed by Holy Hour, St. Joseph Cathedral, San Diego.

ORGANIZATIONS

Catholic Alumni Club annual June Day on the Bay, June 21, 1-7 p.m., barbeque and sports, evening on the Bahia Belle begins at 7:30 p.m. Cost $15. Reservations requested prior to June 11. Details: 296-1255, 277-3748.

Immaculate Conception Fraternity of the Secular Franciscan Order, meeting, June 8, 1:30 p.m., Immaculate Conception, Old Town. Details: 298-7038.

Stalpar beach picnic, June 7, 3 p.m., De Anza Cove, Mission Bay. Details: 466-7010.

The Blue Army of Our Lady of Fatima, First Saturday Mass, June 7, 7:45 a.m., St. Mary Magdalene Church, San Diego. Details: 276-3693, 279-6977.

Serra Club, installation of officers, June 11, St. Francis Seminary, 1667 Santa Paula Dr., near USD campus. Details: 223-8695.

Knights of Columbus, Father Thomas B. Austin Council No. 4958, picnic, June 8, beginning at noon, Scripps Ranch Swim and Racquetball Club, 9875 Aviary Dr., San Diego. Reservations and details: 453-7730, 566-0362. Reservations must be made before May 30.

Immaculate Conception Family Altar Society, fish fry, June 6, 5:30-7 p.m., Junipero Serra Hall, 2540 San Diego Ave., Old Town. Cost $3. Reservations requested. Details: 291-0945, 295-4148.

The South Bay Deanery, Council of Catholic Women, meeting, June 9, 10:30 a.m., Precious Blood parish, 1245 4th Ave., Chula Vista. Cost $1.50. Reservations and details: 435-8770.

RETREATS

"A Time for Prayer," a retreat with Father Jerome Bevilacqua, June 27-29, Shadowland Ranch. Reservations and details: 478-5916.

Theological Institute sponsored by the Office of Clergy Education, June 16-20, 10 a.m.-3 p.m., School of Nursing, Room 106, USD campus. Details: 293-7862.

SENIOR CITIZENS

Public hearing to be held by California Department of Aging for input on proposed State Plan for Aging Programs, June 9, 10 a.m., Casa del Prado, room 207, Balboa Park, San Diego.

TELEVISION

"Thirty Minutes with Father Michael Manning," Catholic outreach program, Sundays, noon, Community Cable, channel 24.

(Items for insertion in Around the Diocese must be received by noon on the Friday prior to the next Thursday publication. Information must include time, date, place and telephone number.)

Official

Bishop Leo T. Maher:

Saturday, June 7, 2 p.m., San Diego, Academy of Our Lady of Peace graduation.

Saturday, June 7, 5:30 p.m., San Diego, 25th anniversary of St. Columba parish.

Sunday, June 8, 12:15 p.m., Los Altos, 25th anniversary of St. Simon parish.

Wednesday, June 11, 5:30 p.m., San Diego, St. Francis Seminary, Serra Club installation of officers.

Thursday, June 12, 7 p.m., San Diego, Our Mother of Confidence, Boy Scout award ceremony.

Friday, June 13, 5:30 p.m., San Diego, Golden Hall, Community Concourse, University High School graduation.

Bishop Gilbert E. Chavez:

Friday, June 6, 5:30 p.m., San Ysidro, Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church, Our Lady of Mount Carmel School graduation.

Friday, June 13, 10:30 a.m., San Diego, St. Joseph Cathedral, Sacred Heart Apostolate Mass.



ALPINE ART FAIRE—Co-chairmen Katie Ford and William Clark display a sample of the signed limited edition prints donated to the Queen of Angels Catholic Church's second annual Art Faire and Country Fun weekend, scheduled for June 7 and 8 from 11 a.m.-6 p.m. Admission is free. More than 3,000 original works of art will also be on sale. The church is located at 2569 Victoria Drive in Alpine.

Stronger ministry to aging

CHULA VISTA—Two one-day training sessions for persons who are concerned about the frail elderly will be conducted from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturdays, June 14 and 28 at St. Rose of Lima parish center, 293 H St., Chula Vista.

The sessions, presented by the Department on Aging of Catholic Community Services and by colleagues in the community, are designed to develop a better understanding of the frail elderly so as to minister to them more effectively.

The sessions are aimed at volunteers and visitors of all ages, clergy and eucharistic ministers, the aged and their families and any other interested persons.

Pre-registration is required. A fee of $7 per person covers both sessions and materials. Participants are asked to bring sack lunches. Scholarships are available for those who cannot afford the fee.

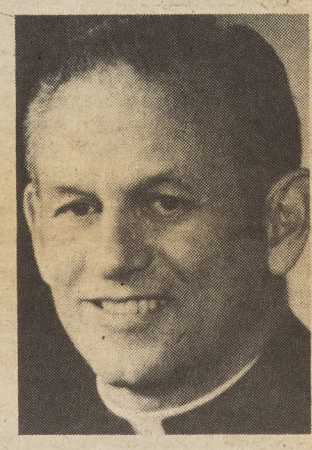
Additional information is available from the Department on Aging, 231-2828.

'Junior Junkies'

"Junior Junkies," a program discussing the whys and hows of pre-teen drug abuse and the abusive use of pot by adolescents will air June 8 at 6:30 p.m. on KGTV, Channel 10.

Tom Pettepiece will explore this problem with experts in the field of drug abuse.

This program will be an open forum with telephone questions from the TV audience, and is produced by the San Diego County Ecumenical Conference.



TO SPEAK—Father Edmund P. Joyce of Notre Dame University will speak at San Diego's Universal Notre Dame Night, 7:30 p.m., June 11, Tom Ham's Lighthouse restaurant. Details: 453-5063.

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ROUND-UP '80—Parishioners of Resurrection Church in Escondido begin construction of booths for Round-Up '80. The annual fundraising event will be held June 7 and 8 from 10 a.m.-10 p.m. at the church, 1445 Conway Dr. A special attraction, the Weirz, a seven-piece brother-sister musical group, will perform June 8 from 2-4 p.m., and a chicken dinner will be served from 12:30-5 p.m.

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LOS LIBROS SON AMENOS—Cima Camacho, 6, presume su nuevo libro ante Richard Scherer, director de la escuela de Nuestra Señora en San Diego. El libro fué regalo del programa federal de lectura llamado Reading is Fundamental (RIF). (foto de Sally Arguilez)

La justicia es parcial en contra de hispanos

NEW YORK—Es más probable que un hispano sea juzgado culpable y sea dado una sentencia más severa que otros infractores de la ley. El ser hispano también disminuye su oportunidad de salir bajo prueba, de acuerdo a un estudio hecho por el Centro de Investigación Hispana de Fordham University.

"La Experiencia Hispana en Justicia Criminal," basado en casos de prisioneros del Departmento de Correcciones del Estado de Nueva York de 1971 a 77 demuestra que ofensas de drogas y sentencias más duras colocan a los hispanos aparte de otros ofensores, dijo Peter Sissons, autoridad del Centro sobre Justicia Criminal. Sólo el tipo de ofensa, no la raza," dijo, debe influír en la disposición de los casos o la duración de la sentencia. La investigación del Centro sugiere que este no es el caso, dijo Sissons, "y necesitamos saber porqué."

Durante los años cubiertos por el estudio, la población de la prisión de la Ciudad de Nueva York aumentó un 50 por ciento entre blancos y 45 por ciento entre negros. Pero el aumento entre Puertorriqueños, únicamente una parte de la población hispana total, aumentó 153 por ciento. El estudio pregunta si ese aumento fue causado por cambios en la población ó por un cambio en la práctica de la policía y la corte y si es un reflejo real del aumento de las estadísticas de crimen.

Lloyd H. Rogler, director del Centro de Investigación Hispana, resumió el estudio con el comentario "el ser hispano aumenta la probabilidad de que el ofensor sea encontrado culpable de una ofensa de drogas...y mandado a la prisión."

El ser hispano "disminuye la probabilidad de ser otorgado licencia para salir bajo prueba," añadió.

"La etnicidad interacciona con el sistema de tal manera que los hispanos reciben sentencias más severas y es más probable que los manden a la prisión," dijo.

El estudio recomienda que se hagan esfuerzos por mejorar las relaciones entre la policia y las comunidades hispanas, por enseñar a los hispanos la ley y por intensificar la atención al abuso de las drogas dentro de sus comunidades.

Programa regala libros a niños

SAN DIEGO—Alumnos de primero, segundo, tercero y cuarto grado de la escuela de Nuestra Señora en San Diego apretaban en sus manitas sus libros o los mostraban a sus maestros para revisión.

La escuela, que es en un 95 por ciento México-Americana, participa en el programa federal Reading is Fundamental (RIF), en el cual los niños de primaria reciben un libro gratis.

UN REGALO a la escuela por la cantidad de $100 otorgado por los Amigos de la Biblioteca de la Universidad de San Diego hizo que la escuela calificara para $300 más con qué comprar los libros, según la presidenta de la agrupación, Genevieve Bennett.

"Nos gustaría ver eventualmente que lo mismo sucediera en otras escuelas alrededor de la diócesis," añadió la Sra. Bennett. "Ojalá que otros grupos de padres y maestros se organizen para recabar fondos para sus escuelas. El programa federal igualará la cantidad al tres por uno."

LA DISTRIBUCION que se hizo en la escuela de Nuestra Señora ha sido la primera que se ha hecho en una escuela parroquial diocesana.

"Los alumnos pueden seleccionar su libro y quedarse con él. Esto estimula a los niños a leer," dijo Richard Scherer, director de la escuela.



MISA EN LA FRONTERA—El Excmo. Sr. Obispo Gilberto E. Chávez fué celebrante principal de la Santa Misa que se celebró la semana pasada para la Conferencia y Marcha Chicana de Inmigración. Más de 800 personas asistieron a la conferencia llevada a cabo en la Iglesia de Santa Rita.

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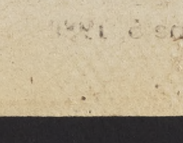
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Catholic-Lutheran dialogues to mark Augsburg Confession

SAN DIEGO—Catholics and Lutherans in the San Diego diocesan area will have several opportunities to explore each other's faith in several ecumenical events marking the 450th anniversary of the Augsburg Confession.

The confession is the official Lutheran creed and the earliest formal statement of Protestant belief. It was addressed to Emperor Charles V at the Diet of Augsburg in 1530.

THE MAIN local observance will be an ecumenical liturgical service of the Word and dialogue entitled, "How close are Catholics and Lutherans?" at 7 p.m., Sunday, June 15 in Founders Hall on the University of San Diego campus.

During the homily part of the service, Lutheran and Catholic theologians will provide a 30-minute dialogue session concerning the two faiths.

The theologians will be Father Carl J. Peter, dean of the School of Religious Studies at the Catholic University of America, Washington, D.C., and the Rev. Carl E. Braaten, professor of systematic theology at the Lutheran School of Theology in Chicago.

MUSIC WILL be provided by the Blessed Sacrament Parish Choir and Folk Group, the Lutheran Chorale and the St. Andrew's Lutheran Church Folk Group.

The Rev. John Huber, UCSD campus pastor of University Lutheran Church and Ecumenical Center, La Jolla, said he hopes the event will lead more Catholic parishes and Lutheran churches into dialogue groups.

He said such groups exist between Our Lady of Grace parish, Fletcher Hills, and St. Andrew's Lutheran Church, Lake Murray area, and the Catholic and Lutheran campus ministries at UCSD.

THE EVENT is being sponsored by the diocesan Ecumenical Commission and the Lutheran Congregation of San Diego in cooperation with the USD Continuing Education Office.

"Focus Five," a five-minute program airing at 6:55 a.m. weekdays on KGTV, Channel 10 and coordinated by the San Diego County Ecumenical Conference, will feature two programs on the observance.

ON WEDNESDAY, June 11, the Rev. Huber will be interviewed, and on Thursday, June 12, Father Dennis Mikulanis of the diocesan Ecumenical Commission and associate pastor at Blessed Sacrament parish, San Diego, will be featured.

Dr. Kathleen Dugan, assistant professor of religious studies at USD, and the Rev. Huber will dialogue at 7:30 p.m., June 11, at Christ Lutheran Church, Pacific Beach.

A Christian service of reconciliation, sponsored by St. Joseph Cathedral and the First Lutheran Church of San Diego, will be held at 3 p.m. Sunday, June 22, at the cathedral, downtown.



DIOCESAN FAREWELL—Cutting cake during a farewell party at the Diocesan Offices are, from left: Sister Jeannine Cote, RJM, education office secretary, to be business manager of a Religious of Jesus and Mary-staffed Maryland school; Father John Cuddigan, SJ, planned giving director, to be vice president for academic affairs at Loyola Marymount U., Los Angeles; Bishop Leo T. Maher; Suzie Peacock, education office secretary, leaving to have a baby; and Father Robert Gavotto, OSA, evangelization director, to be pastor of St. Patrick parish in San Diego. (Staff photo)

St. Columba's to mark 25th year

SAN DIEGO—St. Columba parish in Serra Mesa is celebrating its 25th anniversary on Saturday with a concelebrated Mass and silver jubilee banquet.

Bishop Leo T. Maher will join Msgr. Patrick O'Neill, pastor of the parish since 1955, and current and former associate pastors of St. Columba's in celebrating a Mass of Thanksgiving at 5:30 p.m. at the church, 3327 Glencolum Dr.

The banquet will be held following the Mass in the parish hall for visiting clergy and parishioners. Details: 277-3863.

NCCJ to honor area Catholic

SAN DIEGO—Broadway legend Mary Martin and George M. Pardee, Jr., a local Catholic, will be among those honored with brotherhood awards by the San Diego Region of the National Conference of Christians and Jews.

At the region's 52nd anniversary citation dinner at 6 p.m., Wednesday, June 11, at the San Diego Hilton Hotel, the NCCJ will bestow its National Brotherhood Award on Martin.

Among those receiving Regional Brotherhood awards besides Pardee are long-time civic worker Dorothea S. Garfield, Superior Court Judge Earl B. Gilliam, and the Rev. Velimir Petakovich of Serbian Orthodox Church.



Mary Martin



George Pardee

Pardee, chairman of the board of Pardee Construction Co. and senior vice president of Weyerhaeuser Mortgage Co., is a member of the University of San Diego Board of Trustees.

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